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Docket No.: 65858-0020
(PATENT)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:
Michael E. Farmer et al.

Application No.: 10/663,521

Confirmation No.: 1892

Filed: September 16, 2003

Art Unit: 2624

For: SYSTEM OR METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING A
REGION-OF-INTEREST IN AN IMAGE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

MS Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.47 INVOLVING THE REFUSAL
OF A CO-INVENTOR TO EXECUTE THE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47, counsel for the inventors makes the above-identified Petition according to the following facts:

1. The Patent Office has issued A Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application—Filing Date Granted, on November 29, 2006.
2. As of today's date, The Combined Power of Attorney and Declaration document has been executed by Michael E. Farmer and Li Wen, but not Xuchang Chen.
3. As of today's date, all remaining issues raised in the Notice to File Missing Parts have been addressed.

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4. At the time that the above-identified international application was filed, Eaton Corporation employed Mr. Chen. Sometime after the application was filed, Mr. Chen ceased his employment with Eaton Corporation. Papers showing the Assignment of the application by inventors Michael E. Farmer and Li Wen shall be filed shortly.

5. On December 7, 2004, a letter was sent to Xuchang Chen at his last known home address of 307 S. Division Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2203, requesting that he execute The Combined Power of Attorney and Declaration document for the above-identified application, as shown in paragraph 2 of the letter. A copy of the letter as well as a copy of The Combined Power of Attorney and Declaration form sent to Mr. Chen is attached as Exhibit A. The executed declaration was never received from Mr. Chen.

6. On January 24, 2007, a second letter was sent to Xuchang Chen at his last known address again requesting execution of the declaration. The January 24, 2007 letter along with a copy of the Federal Express shipping label is attached as Exhibit B.

7. Confirmation that Mr. Chen in fact received the contents of Exhibit B is shown on the Federal Express Scan Detail Report attached as Exhibit C. It appears that the signature was released on behalf of the recipient, but the document was in fact delivered.

8. To this date, the executed declaration has still not been received from Xuchang Chen.

37 CFR 1.47(a) notes that if a joint inventor refuses to join in an application for patent or cannot be found or reached after diligent effort, the application may be made by the other inventor on behalf of himself or herself and the non-signing inventor. It is respectfully submitted that with the submission of the executed Combined Power of Attorney and Declaration document from all of the other inventors, the application for patent has been appropriately made by the other inventors. Further, in view of the facts noted above, it is respectfully submitted that diligent effort has been made to provide the non-signing inventor with the necessary document.

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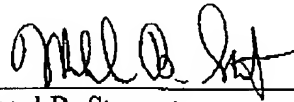
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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65858-0020 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: February 28, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

By



Michael B. Stewart

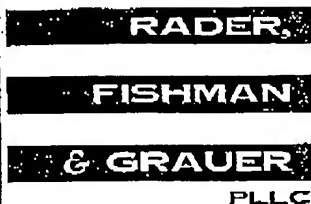
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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

December 7, 2004

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/663,521 for IMAGE REGION OF INTEREST
EXTRACTION FOR PRELIMINARY IMAGE SEGMENTATION
Filing Date: September 16, 2003
Inventor: Michael B. Farmer et al.
Eaton No.: 02-rASD-160(SR); Our Reference: 65858-0020

Dear Mr. Chen:

As you know, we prepared and filed the above-identified patent application on which you are named as an inventor (a copy of the application is enclosed for your records).

Since you are a named inventor on this application, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requires that you sign a combined declaration and power of attorney regarding this application. As part of your previous employment with Eaton Corporation, and the fact that the invention was developed while you were with Eaton Corporation, we also need you to sign an assignment, formally transferring rights to the invention. We enclose copies of these papers for your signature. Your signature on the assignment must be witnessed by two people. Once the papers have been fully executed, please return them to our office. We have enclosed a self-addressed, stamped Federal Express envelope for the return of the papers. We kindly ask that you send the executed papers back to our office by **December 13, 2004**, for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. We apologize for the short notice and believe you may have seen these papers before.

Of course, as an inventor, your name will appear on any issued patent. We would be happy to send you a copy of any such patent when it issues.

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Attorney Docket No. 65008-0020/02-ASD-160(SR)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SYSTEM OR METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING
A REGION-OF-INTEREST IN AN IMAGE**

the specification of which was filed on September 16, 2003 as Application No. 10/663,521.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

☒ no such foreign applications have been filed

☐ such foreign application have been filed as follows:

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

| Application Number | Country | Date of Filing | Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119 |
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| | | | ___ Yes No ___ |
| | | | ___ Yes No ___ |
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ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(e), of any United States provisional patent application(s) listed below:

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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of the United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

- ☒ no such U.S./PCT applications have been filed.
- ☐ such U.S./PCT application have been filed as follows:

Attorney Docket No. 05858-0020/02-rASD-160(SR)

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

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| Loren H. Uthoff, Jr. | 31,673 |
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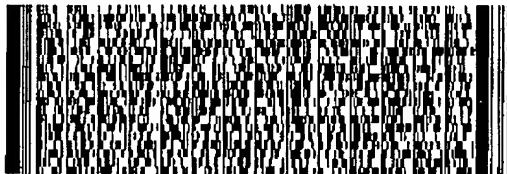
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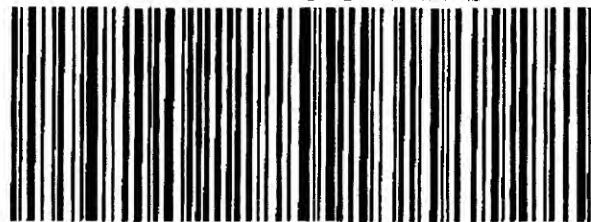
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